OAT CIRCLES

FORTIFIED READY TO EAT CEREAL

for use in the USDA Household Commodity Food Distribution Programs

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Product Description

Oat Circles is a ready-to-eat cereal with no added sweeteners.

Pack/Yield

A 15-ounce box of cereal provides 13 1-cup servings. Box sizes may vary, so check the label for exact yield.

Storage

- Store unopened boxes of cereal in a cool, dry place off the floor until ready to use.
- For **best quality**, use unopened boxes of cereal within 6 months.
- After opening, keep inside bag tightly closed to preserve freshness. Use within 4 to 6 weeks.

Uses and Tips

- Top oat circles with cold milk and fresh fruit for a nutritious breakfast.
- Mix cereal with nuts and dried fruits for a handy trail mix.
- Oat circles can be substituted in recipes calling for any variety of dry ready-to-eat cereals.

(See recipes on reverse side)



Nutrition Information

- Oat Circles Cereal is low in fat and is a good source of fiber. Because it is fortified, it is a good source of vitamin A, vitamin C, and iron.
- 1-ounce (1 cup) of oat circles cereal provides 1 serving from the BREAD, CEREAL, RICE, and PASTA GROUP of the Food Guide Pyramid.

Nutrition F	acts					
Serving size 1 cup (30g) oat circles cereal						
Amount Per S	Serving					
Calories	110	Fat Cal	12			
	% Daily Value*					
Total Fat 1.5	g		2%			
Saturated	Fat Og		0%			
Cholesterol (Omg		0%			
Sodium 240r	ng		10%			
Total Carboh	ydrate 22g		7%			
Dietary Fi	ber 3g		12%			
Sugars 10]					
Protein 4g						
Vitamin A	10%	Vitamin C	10%			
Calcium	10%	Iron	50%			
*Percent Dail	y Values are base	ed on a 2,000	calorie			

Banana Oat Muffins

2 cups oat circles, crushed

11/4 cups flour

1/3 cup packed brown sugar

1 teaspoon baking powder

3/4 teaspoon baking soda

1 cup mashed very ripe bananas (2-3 medium)

2/3 cup lowfat milk

3 tablespoons oil

1 egg

Recipe provided by General Mills

- 1. Heat oven to 400°F.
- 2. Spray 12 regular-sized muffin cups with cooking spray, or grease bottoms only of muffin cups.
- 3. Mix cereal, flour, brown sugar, baking powder, and baking soda in a large bowl.
- 4. Add bananas, milk, oil, and egg.
- 5. Stir just until moistened.
- 6. Divide batter among twelve muffin cups.
- 7. Bake 18-22 minutes until golden brown.

Makes 12 muffins

Nutrition Information for each serving of Banana Oat Muffins:							
Calories	148	Cholesterol	18 mg	Sugar	9 g	Calcium	47 mg
Calories from Fat	40	Sodium	173 mg	Protein	3 g	Iron	2.1 mg
Total Fat	4.4 g	Total Carbohydrate	24 g	Vitamin A	59 RE		•
Saturated Fat	.8 g	Dietary Fiber	1 g	Vitamin C	4 mg		

Crispy Orange Chicken

- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1-2 teaspoons orange peel
- 3 cups oat circles, crushed to 1½ cups
- 2½ to 3 pounds chicken pieces, skinned
- 2 tablespoons margarine or butter melted

Recipe provided by Ralston Foods

- 1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
- 2. In a shallow dish, combine egg, orange juice, and orange peel.
- Dip chicken pieces in egg mixture, then roll in cereal to coat
- 4. Place chicken in a single layer on a rack in a shallow baking pan.
- 5. Drizzle with margarine.
- 6. Bake 50 to 60 minutes until meat is no longer pink.

Makes 6 servings

Nutrition Information for each serving of Crispy Orange Chicken:							
Calories	582	Cholesterol	145 mg	Sugar	0 g	Calcium	47 mg
Calories from fat	317	Sodium	349 mg	Protein	53 g	Iron	7.5 mg
Total Fat	35.2 g	Total Carbohydrate	12 g	Vitamin A	356 RE		
Saturated Fat	3.6 g	Dietary Fiber	1 g	Vitamin C	11 mg		

Sugar 'N Spice Snacks

- 3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3 cups oat circles

Recipe provided by Ralston Foods

- Melt margarine in skillet over low heat. Stir in sugar and cinnamon. Mix well.
- Gradually add cereal, stirring until all pieces are evenly coated.
- 3. Cook 3 minutes, stirring constantly.
- 4. Spread on waxed paper to cool.
- 5. Store in airtight container.

Makes 3 servings, 1 cup per serving

Nutrition Information for each serving of Sugar'N Spice Snack:							
Calories	277	Cholesterol	0 mg	Sugar	17 g	Calcium	53 mg
Calories from fat	120	Sodium	413 mg	Protein	3 g	Iron	8.4 mg
Total Fat	13.3 g	Total Carbohydrate	40 g	Vitamin A	363 RE		
Saturated Fat	2.2 g	Dietary Fiber	3 g	Vitamin C	15 mg		

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